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For: A CARRYING SLEEVE FOR
PRINTING AND TRANSFER FORMS
AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION
OF SUCH A CARRYING SLEEVE

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the present application.

The enclosed references were cited in a European application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

German reference 4217793 listed in the Search Report was submitted in the

present application by a previous Information Disclosure Statement. This reference is discussed in the specification of the present application on page 1.

German reference 4140768 is also discussed on page 1 of the specification of the present application and discloses a sleeve-type offset printing form produced from a rectangularly cut metal plate, wherein the edges of the plate pointing toward one another are connected by a welding seam.

European application 0571909 corresponds to German reference 4217793.

The present application defines a specific carrying sleeve for printing and transfer forms, as well as a process for producing such a carrying sleeve, which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

If any fees or charges are deemed required at this time in connection with the application, the same may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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